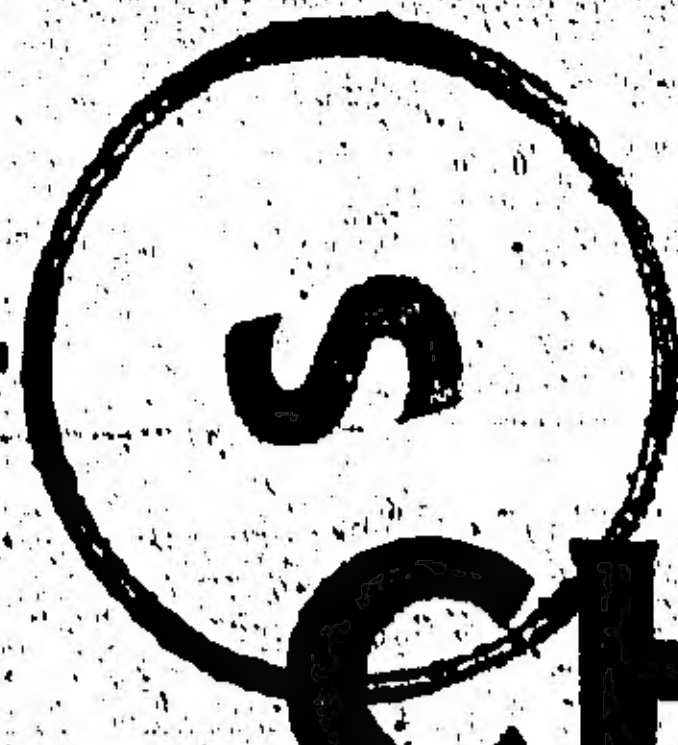


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Talks At The
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IT now requires only Marshal Bulganin's assent and the oft-mooted Big Four top-level talks will become a reality this summer. And there is no reason to believe the Soviet Premier will be other than a ready partner to the proposal, for as recently as last month he stated he was in favour of a conference "at the summit," cheerfully adding that it was for President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden to suggest the date. The practical value of such a meeting must await demonstration; it could be great or negligible, but that the Soviet leaders have been thinking along the same lines as Sir Anthony Eden and his advisers is of more than passing interest. Without straining credibility too far it suggests that the Russians are prepared to make some sort of change in their attitude to the Western powers which, in due course, may also bring about a change in Soviet international policies and relations.

Looming in the background to Britain's urgent insistence that now is the appropriate time for top-level talks, and the Kremlin's apparent willingness to take part in such a meeting, is ratification of the Paris agreements, and the now almost completed Austrian state treaty.

THE widespread fear was that ratification of the Paris pacts would automatically create a barrier to any sort of Big Four conference. Such misgivings have proved unfounded. On the contrary it has been noticeable that since ratification became inevitable, there has been an outstanding change in Russian policy, highlighted by the sudden Russian decision to get on with the job of concluding an Austrian treaty.

Here was one of those "unsolved" European problems which Moscow had declined to discuss, in the words of Mr Molotov, "outside the German problem." Today it is not only being discussed, but a settlement is practically certain. It is a sign which cannot be disregarded.

This does not mean that a "summit" conference of the Big Four will automatically succeed. Experiences of the past eight years are a warning against easy optimism. But it can be claimed that with ratification of the Paris agreements the realism of the Soviet leaders is being rapidly adjusted to the new situation, and that the Kremlin is aware the Western allies can now discuss European and international problems from a position of strength.

THE subjects which the Big Four leaders can tackle are numerous and varied, particularly if the proposal that there be no set agenda meets with Marshal Bulganin's approval. European problems must inevitably loom large, but there also should be opportunity for an exchange of views on Far East issues, with both Russia and the Western powers clarifying their positions. The talks are not likely to produce immediately great decisions, but they could, and should, enable the four leaders to reach a measure of agreement on basic principles; conceivably a blueprint for new relations between the Communist countries and the Western democracies could emerge from the meeting. The world will not expect political miracles, but it will fervently hope that between them, Eisenhower, Eden, Faure and Bulganin, can devise a pattern from which international peace can be

WEST'S PLAN FOR BIG FOUR TALKS

Two Stage Conference Proposed To Russia TRIPARTITE NOTE RELEASED

Washington, May 10.

The three Western powers today proposed a top-level Big Four conference to be held in two stages.

They proposed, in identical notes to the Soviet Union:

1. A meeting of President Eisenhower, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Sir Anthony Eden and M. Edgar Faure, accompanied by their Foreign Ministers.

They suggested this top-level conference be preceded by a preparatory conference of the four Foreign Ministers.

2. This would be followed by a second stage of detailed discussions by "such methods, organs, and participants as it appears will be more fruitful, according to the nature of the issues."

The American, British and French notes containing the proposal were delivered to the Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow today.

THE FULL TEXT

Here is the text of the Western tripartite note to Russia:

"The Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States believe the time has now come for a new effort to resolve the great problems which confront us. We therefore, invite the Soviet Government to join with us in an effort to remove sources of conflict between us. We recognise the solution of these problems will take time and patience. They will not be solved at a single meeting nor in a hasty manner. Indeed, any effort to do so could set back real progress toward their settlement. Accordingly, we think it would be helpful to try a new procedure for dealing with these problems.

"In view of their complexity and importance, our suggestion is that these problems be approached in two stages. We think it would be fruitful to begin with a meeting of the heads of government, accompanied by their Foreign Ministers, for an exchange of views.

A New Impetus

"In the limited time for which the heads of government could meet, they would not undertake to agree upon substantive answers to the major difficulties facing the world. Such a meeting could, however, provide a new impetus by establishing the basis for the detailed work which will be required.

"For this purpose, the heads of government could devote themselves to formulating the issues to be worked on and to agreeing on methods to be followed in exploring solutions. The heads of government in their task should come together shortly in advance of the meeting of the heads of government and at the same place.

"This first stage would lay the foundation for the second stage in which their problems would be examined in detail by such methods, organs and participants as it appears will be more fruitful, according to the nature of the issues.

"Begin Promptly"

"This work should be started as soon as practicable after the meeting of the heads of government.

"This procedure would facilitate the essential preparation and orderly negotiation most likely to bring about an agreement by progressive stages. The important thing is to begin the process promptly and to pursue it with patience and determination.

"We hope this proposal will commend itself to the Soviet Union as a useful basis for progress toward a better relation between us. If the Soviet Union agrees that an early meeting of heads of government to explore such a programme would be useful, we suggest that our Foreign Ministers settle through diplomatic channels or otherwise upon a time and place for such a meeting.

"The forthcoming meeting of the Foreign Ministers at Vienna for the signing of the Austrian state treaty might provide an opportunity for preliminary discussion of this proposal."—France-Press.

Optimism in Washington:

'RUSSIA MAY SAY YES'

Washington, May 10. Western diplomats were optimistic today about the chances of Russia accepting the Western invitation to a Big Four meeting this summer.

They pointed out that the Soviet Government has long been a leading advocate of such talks to relax world tension, particularly in the Far East, where the United States and China are now opposed to each other over Formosa.

Qualified concession to the British concept of such contacts with the Soviet Union, the President has agreed to abandon his former cautious approach to try out the British proposal of sounding out the Soviet government at the top level to see how they respond to a genuine effort to settle East-West differences.

The progress being made towards a settlement of the Austrian question is one reason for this shift of emphasis. Another may be the desire not to precipitate a major split between the United States and Britain at a time when the British Government is in the throes of an election.

It is assumed there will be no attempt at this early meeting of Heads of Government to make final decisions or reach agreements. The objective would be to launch the subsequent "Foreign Ministers' meeting along lines most likely to produce constructive results.

Western diplomats said today top-level discussions would probably range over all the world tensions. It was possible however the Soviet Union might insist on the discussions being confined to European problems in view of the absence of China. There is no suggestion of China being invited to attend the Heads of Government meeting.

If the Soviet Union should insist on the Chinese Head of Government being present, this would probably be regarded in Washington as tantamount to a rejection of the Western proposal.

McCarthy Disturbed

Washington, May 10. Senator Joseph McCarthy said today he was "deeply disturbed" that Mr Eisenhower was willing to confer with Russia at a big power conference.

There is no more persuasive evidence than this that the President basically misunderstands international Communism, he said. He expressed hope that the President would change his mind.

New Soviet Plan For Disarmament

Moscow, May 11. The Soviet Union today announced a new disarmament plan for Atomic and other weapons.

The Soviet News Agency, Tass, which published the plan, said it was proposed to the London Disarmament Conference by the Soviet representative, Mr Malik, on May 10.

This plan, proposed that the UN General Assembly should "recommend" the condemnation of "any form of propaganda for a new war," elimination from "stocks of force" and respect for the "territorial integrity and political independence of every state."

The proposal said successes in negotiations on the Korean, Indo-Chinese and Austrian questions "show that the possibilities for settling unsolved international problems by means of negotiation between the powers in the interests of peace, freedom and the national independence of peoples are still far from being fully exploited."

"POLICE FORCES" The plan proposed the withdrawal of the Four Powers' occupation troops from Germany "with the exception of strictly limited contingents of troops which would be left temporarily on German territory until the conclusion of an agreement about their full withdrawal."

It was proposed that this "strictly limited" continuance of local police forces should exist in both parts of Germany under Rome-Power control.

The declaration took the form of a proposed resolution for the United Nations General Assembly. The resolution called for "liquidation of foreign military bases on the territories of other countries" which would have "great significance for the reduction of international tension."

The proposal called for countries "with experience in the Atomic energy field to give 'broad industrial, scientific and technical help' to other countries for peaceful purposes without any political or military conditions."

TENSE SITUATION The proposal called for settlement of Far Eastern questions since "the existing tense situation in certain regions of the Far East is pregnant with the danger of a new war."

On a control organ for the reduction and prohibition of Atomic weapons the Soviet Union proposed that an international body "should set up on the territories of all states control points in large ports, railway centres, roads and airfields."

The task of these points would be to ensure that there should be "no dangerous concentrations of military land forces and also air and naval forces."

This control organ "will have the right to demand from states the necessary evidence of conducting measures to reduce arms and military forces."

"It would have the right of access to all materials 'concerning the budgetary assignments of states for military requirements.' These measures concerned the first stage of disarmament.—Reuter.

No Cause For Alarm

Washington, May 10. Mr Charles Wilson, US Secretary of Defense, said today the shooting down of two Communist MIG-15 jet fighters over the ocean off Korea was an isolated incident and no cause for alarm.

Mr Wilson said: "This kind of incident is somewhat troublesome. I don't think the attack by the MIGs was an indication of a Communist build-up of strength."—Reuter.

Agreement Today?

Vienna, May 10. It is hoped the conference of Ambassadors of the Big Four Powers, meeting to clear the ground for the signing of the Austrian state treaty by the Foreign Ministers at the end of this week, will finish their discussions tomorrow.—France-Press.

WATER SUPPLY INCREASED

Beginning tomorrow morning, the Colony is to have nine and a half hours of domestic water supply daily, it was officially announced today.

All areas will have water supply through taps from 6 to 10.30 a.m., and from 5 to 10 p.m.

HEAVY RAINS BRING 935m GALLONS

Continuing torrential rains brought to the Colony's water storage during the 24 hours ended 8 a.m. today, an additional 935.02 million gallons, raising the present total storage to 3,029.63 million gallons. This means that all of the reservoirs are more than half full.

The severe thunderstorm which kept the Colony awake the whole of last night also yielded a further heavy rainfall and between midnight and 11 o'clock this morning the Royal Observatory registered 2.09 inches.

Total rainfall since midnight last Saturday until 11 a.m. today has been 14.58 inches.

Bridge Foundations Washed Away

Rains last night washed away the foundations of a stone bridge on the Castle Peak Road near the 18 milestone and motor traffic between Kowloon and Un Long on that route has been suspended.

A bus on the No. 16 route from Un Long to Yau Ma Tei was passing over the bridge in a heavy downpour when the structure began sliding away.

The bus became stuck on a portion of the bridge and remained suspended.

The passengers quickly clambered out, nobody being hurt. Traffic was immediately diverted to the Tai Po Road.

The Kowloon Motor Bus has announced cancellation of the No. 16 service to Un Long, but it will continue to operate as far as Tean Wan.

The PWD New Territories Road Office said this morning that repair crews and equipment had been rushed to the scene and had begun work.

A spokesman added that the bridge proper had not parted, but that the rains had washed away some of the foundations and the Royal Engineers are erecting an emergency bridge and this should be ready to take traffic this afternoon. Police today appealed to motorists not to use this section of the Castle Peak Road unnecessarily.

There were also a number of minor landslides on the Castle Peak Road between Tean Wan and So Kon Wat and road traffic has been reduced to a single lane.

Agreement On Solution To Vietnam Crisis

Paris, May 10. The United States and France tonight reached agreement in principle on a compromise solution to the South Vietnam political crisis.

The agreement, according to an authoritative source, was reached during a two-hour conference at the French Premier's office tonight between Mr John Foster Dulles, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Antoine Pinay, the French Foreign Minister.

British representatives included Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Ambassador in Paris and Sir Harold Caccia.

FOUR POINTS The source said the agreement in principle which was expected to be endorsed at a final meeting between the two foreign ministers tomorrow night makes the following points:

1. Ex-Empire Bao Dai to retain his post as Chief of State of South Vietnam.
2. Premier Ngo Dinh Diem to be kept in power but his cabinet to be enlarged. The ministers considered that today's reshuffle in Saigon was not representative enough.
3. The United States will insist that the South Vietnamese Government will use its influence to halt propaganda attacks on the French.
4. The French Expeditionary force to be progressively withdrawn from the territory.—Reuter.

U.S. SUPPORT

Washington, May 10. The United States is supporting the broadened government.

Police Ambushed

Constantine, May 10. Armed terrorists ambushed a group of local police near Calistat last night and killed two. It was reported here tonight. The police were on their way to reinforce another group of their men who had also been attacked by terrorists.—France-Press.

Threat Of New Dock Strikes

London, May 10. Britain again faces the threat of a nation-wide dock strike as the result of a union decision which is reported to have been taken tonight.

The National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union is reported to be planning strikes in London, Liverpool, Manchester and Hull.

It has called mass meetings at all four key ports for later this week at which Union leaders are expected to recommend strike action until the port authorities recognise the union jointly with the big Transport and General Workers Union.

This decision threatens dock strikes throughout the country similar to those which began in September last year and which spread to eight ports involving 45,000 men and tying up more than 350 ships.

UNION RIVALRY

News of this threat came at the close of a day in which there was no sign of a break in the six-day old strike of more than 600 tugboat men in Liverpool which has tied up more than 80 ships.

The New strike threat stems from the intense rivalry between the NASD and the 1,300,000 strong Transport and General Workers Union, the world's largest union outside Russia.

NASD alleges that joint port committees of employers and union leaders have been refusing to admit their local leaders.

This situation results largely from the fact that the union has been suspended from Britain's Trades Union Congress for poaching members from the TGWU and is no longer represented on the National Joint Council for the port transport industry.—Reuter.

Afghans Leave

Karachi, May 10. The safes and belongings of the Afghans, exiles at Peshawar and Parnachar, on the Afghan-Pakistan border, moved out today in a cavalcade of cars and trucks and later crossed the border into Afghanistan. The exodus included all the wives and children of Afghan employees.—France-Press.

Easy Election

Rome, May 10. Professor Giovanni Leone, a 46-year-old Christian Democrat, was elected President of the Lower House of Parliament today in succession to Signor Giovanni Gronchi, newly-elected President of the Republic. He was elected by 811 votes to 215 with 26 blank ballots.—Reuter.

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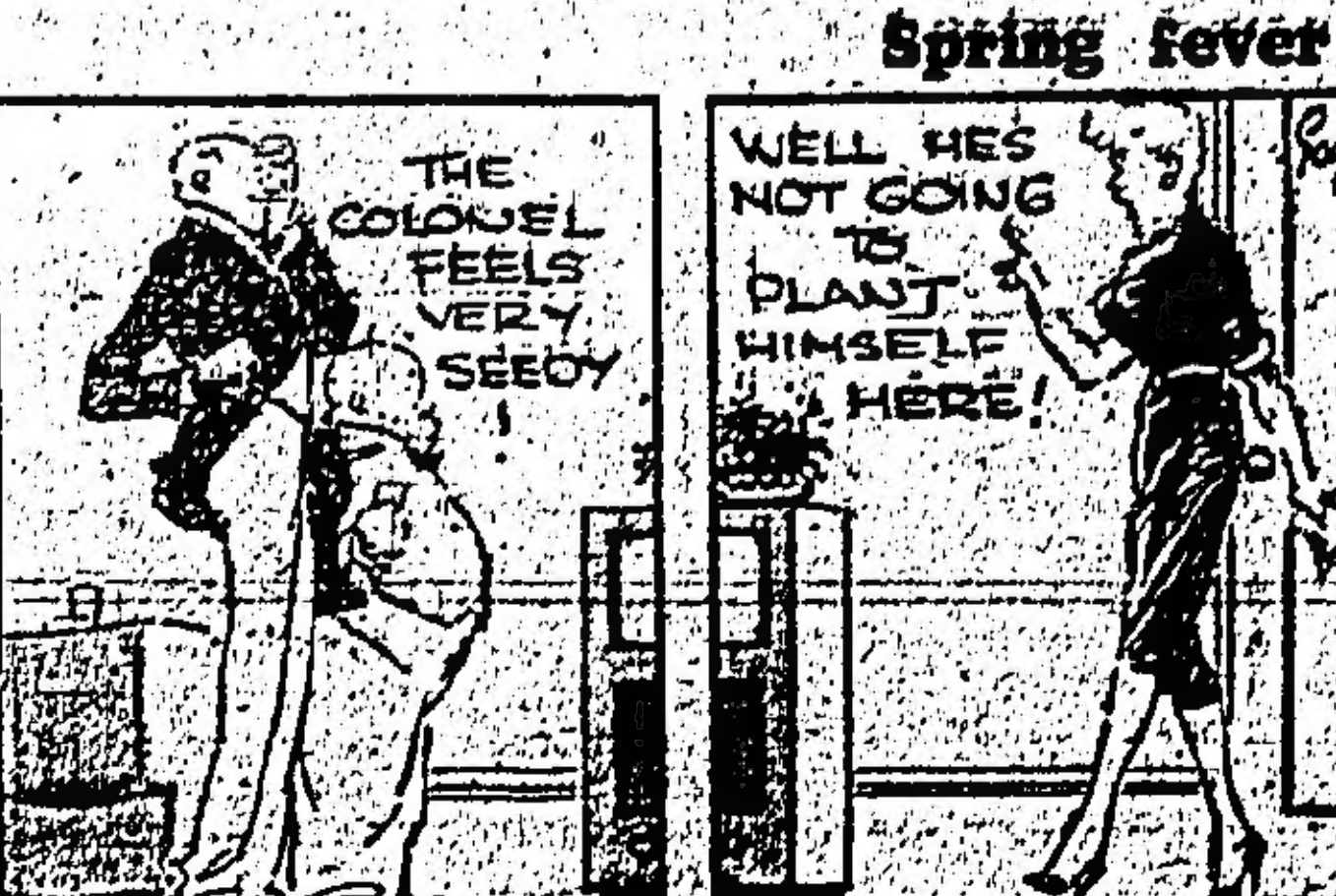


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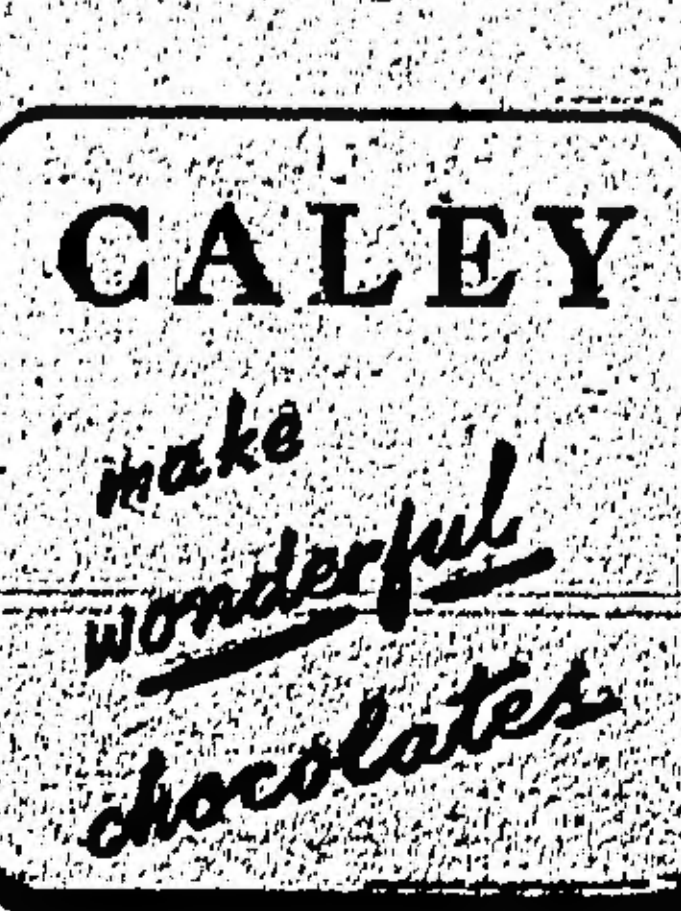
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Communist Leaders Gather In Warsaw REPLY TO PARIS PACTS

London, May 10.

Russia's Premier and Foreign Minister, Marshal Bulganin and Mr Molotov, arrived in Warsaw today to form a Communist equivalent of NATO.

The biggest postwar assembly of Communist government and military leaders, it is described by Tass, Soviet news agency, as a conference "for ensuring peace and security in Europe."

China is sending an observer.

AID TREATIES

It is assumed that the Premier and Foreign Ministers will sign the texts of friendship and mutual aid treaties between the respective states while the military men will formally seal the military alliances.

The signature of a series of friendship pacts within the Communist camp of Europe follows the unilateral abrogation announced by Russia last Saturday of the friendship and mutual aid pacts concluded with Britain and France during World War Two.

The Soviet Government complained that provisions of the Paris agreements concerning the rearmament of West Germany were directed against the Soviet Union in contravention of clauses of the pacts.

Both Britain and France denied this charge.

Marshal Bulganin said on arrival in Warsaw, according to Tass, that the conference had "to carry out great important work aiming at further strengthening the security of our countries."

"Although the people's struggle to relax international tension has resulted in certain success, nevertheless the situation in certain region of the world gives rise to serious anxiety," he said.

"The peace-loving states of Europe cannot disregard this problem."

"Under existing conditions it is necessary to unite the efforts of our states and to take new measures for strengthening the defensive capacity."

"The Soviet Government hopes that these problems will be resolved at the conference and that the work of the participants will prove an important contribution to general peace and the security of the peoples," he said.

Just The Thing
For Father

Melbourne, May 10.
An electric model railway system, complete with ringing church bells, turning rustic water-wheels, and pine forests made of plastic fibre, is being brought to Melbourne from West Germany for display. The system will be a feature of a Toy Fair in the Melbourne Town Hall. The Fair will feature toys for children aged from one to 161 years.—China Mail Special.

Nehru Incident

ACCUSED FORGOT THE KNIFE

Nagpur, May 10.
An Indian rickshaw puller, charged here today with attempting to kill the Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, said he had "forgotten" about a knife snatched from his hand by officials when he jumped on to the running board of the Premier's car.

The accused man, Babu Rao, told the Magistrate he had been using the knife to whittle wood while waiting for Mr Nehru's car to pass during his visit here on March 12. He did not wish to assault or harm anybody.

He was also charged with causing injuries to four schoolboys when he pushed his rickshaw into the middle of the road in his attempt to block Mr Nehru's car.

Babu Rao said he only wanted to meet Mr Nehru because he had not received a reply to a letter of complaint he had sent to him.—Reuters.

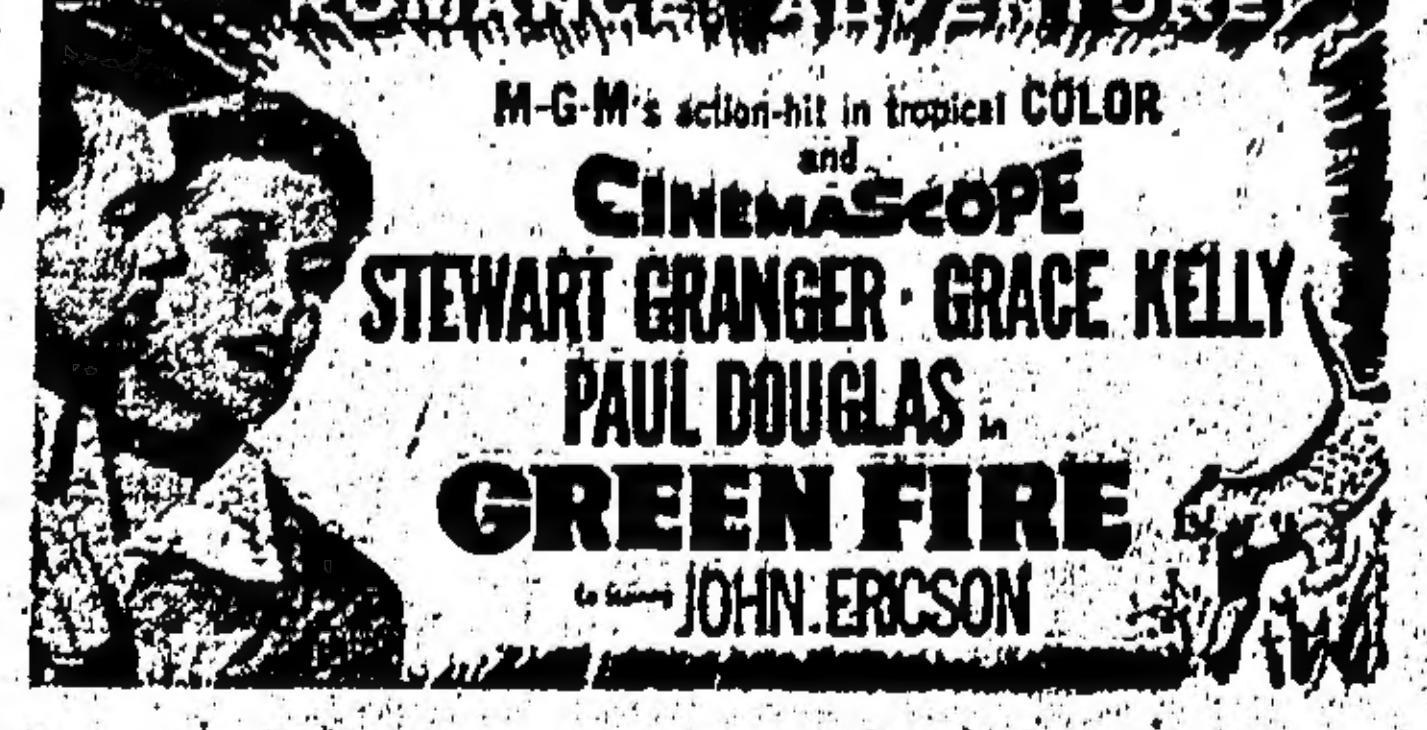
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Hollywood film star Esther Williams and her husband, pictured on arrival in Cannes where they attended the International Film Festival.—Central Press Photo.

Judge Walks Out During Murder Trial

Paris, May 10.

One of France's most sensational trials in many years was suspended this afternoon by the Presiding Judge M. De Moissac in his Paris courtroom when the defence counsel, M. Maurice Garcon, told expert psychiatrist, Dr Genil-Perrin to "hold his tongue" because of his "intolerable" suggestions.

As the Judge sternly rebuked M. Garcon and withdrew leaving behind him a courtroom ringing with insults and vituperation, the centre of all the hubbub, 21-year-old Gerard Dupriez, seated in the prisoner box, gazed down upon the confusion with an eye in which there might have been mingled indifference and amusement.

Dupriez is being tried on a charge of murdering his parents on March 4, 1953 and having used a cudgel, a knife and an axe to do the job.

SIX EXPERTS
Six psychological experts stated today that "We found no psychopathic element in this man which permits us to say that he is not normal."

Dr Joseph Logre, on the other hand, called by the defence, said: "There is serious doubt about the mental integrity of the accused."

Dr Logre described a mental condition which he called "psychical epilepsy," which in periods of crisis brings on amnesia, when a sufferer forgets everything and said that such a hypothesis was perfectly feasible to explain the conduct of Dupriez before, during and after the crime.

The Judge therefore recalled the six psychiatrists, who found Dupriez "quite normal." One of them, Dr Genil-Perrin, claimed that "it was easy for Dr Logre to speak, since he is adopting the thesis of the man who summoned him as a witness."

M. Garcon shouted: "We are all honest people here. You might as well say we are paying Dr Logre to testify."—France-Press.

Suez Canal Transit Receipts

Paris, May 10.

The Board of the Suez Canal Company announced today that the transit receipts last year amounted to 30,689 million francs against 29,235 million in 1953, with the addition of resources arising from financial investment, hiring out of ships, sale of water, etc.

The total resources amounted to 32,455 million francs against 30,530 million francs in 1953. Expenditure for 1954 amounted to 15,123 million francs, of which 1,081 million were accounted for by allocations to the Egyptian Government.

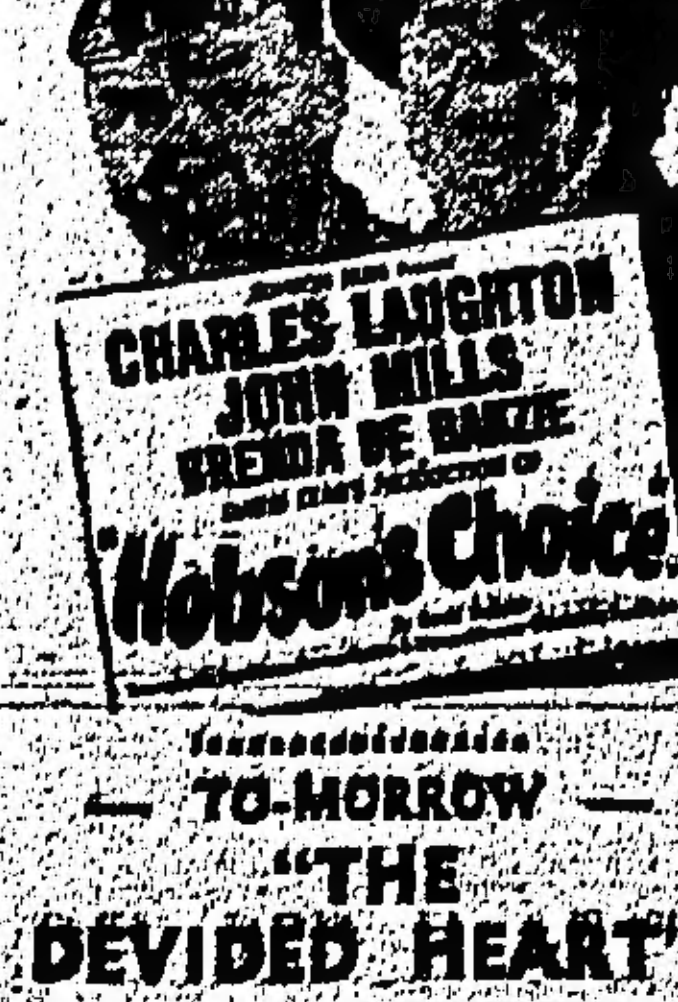
In 1953, expenditure was given as 13,988 million francs of which 956 millions went to the Egyptian Government.—France-Press.

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ARMS AID PAYS OFF

America Urged To Continue Assistance

Washington, May 10.

The Assistant Defence Secretary, Mr. H. Struve Hensel, said today that if United States military aid spending prevents only one local war like the Korean conflict, "the money cost is well worthwhile."

However, he warned the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the nation must continue to "spend large sums of money" for a "substantial period" to nail down the benefits of collective security with free world allies.

Mr. Hensel said that the United States has spent about \$11,000,000,000 for military aid to allies in the last five and a half years.

THAT MUCH STRONGER
"Those allies are that much stronger than they would have been without our programme and that much more able to preserve peace and thwart aggression," he said.

"These defence alliance expenditures are obviously cheaper than war," Mr. Hensel said. "If they can prevent war—and that is the purpose of our programme—the money cost of the defence of prevention is well worthwhile."

The Committee is considering President Eisenhower's \$3,530,000,000 foreign aid request. The total includes about \$1,700,000,000 for military aid.

CLOSED SESSION
Mr. Hensel testified in closed session but the Chairman, Mr. Walter F. George, made public his prepared statement.

Mr. Hensel, who heads the military aid programme, said that United States aid to the allies has "obviously stimulated greater efforts on their part than otherwise could reasonably have been expected."

For example, he said, the United States has spent \$7,800,000,000 on the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, while other NATO nations have spent \$43,000,000,000 in building up their own forces.

"It would seem that we have made a good investment in collective security," Mr. Hensel said.

Mr. Hensel said that the Korean conflict—he called it "a small war"—cost the United States an estimated \$18,000,000,000, not counting pay for troops.—United Press.

SINKER HIT GIRL IN FACE
East London, May 10.
A little East London girl, Elaine Korte, is progressing favourably after an operation to remove a four-ounce lead sinker which smashed through her face and lodged a third of an inch from her spine.

Eleven-year-old Elaine was playing by herself when the accident happened. Nearby two men were practising casting with their fishing rods.

She was immediately rushed to hospital where a large wound beneath her left eye was sewn up.

Two days later the child was taken back to the hospital for a further check and an X-ray showed a sinker lodged just above the top of her spinal column. The sinker, which weighed four ounces and had a short length of string attached to it, was removed in a 45-minute operation.—China Mail Special.

MATTER OF NAMES

Taipei, May 10.
The Civil Air Transport announced today that all aircraft operated by the company were owned by "Chinese Justice persons" and there was no connection with Civil Air Transport Incorporated.

The CAT Public Relations Office said that a press report from Hongkong was erroneous in saying that CAT-owned planes were flown by Civil Air Transport.

"The apparent confusion arose due to the similarity in the Chinese translation of the company names," today's announcement said.—United Press.

Premiers Nasser And Nehru At Rangoon



D-Day Spearhead Will Meet At Harwell

London, May 10.

A group of British war veterans will gather at England's atomic research centre on May 14 to mark the time when they made history by leading the invasion of France.

The veterans, representing units of the Royal Air Force and the parachute and glider pilot regiments, will remember the days when Harwell, site of Britain's atomic research, was a base for World War II squadrons.

FAMILY DOCTOR'S NEW ROLE
New York, May 10.
A British psychiatrist said today that eventually the task of treating mentally ill patients will be the family doctor.

Dr. Thomas P. Rees, Physician-Superintendent of the Warlingham Park Hospital at Croydon, near London, was one of a group of experts who reported on the latest techniques in the battle against mental illness in a closed circuit report to the American medical profession.

Dr. Rees said that his hospital, which houses some 1,000 patients having all types of mental illness, has no locked wards or rooms. The patients are allowed to come and go as they please.

NOT IN HOSPITALS
"I believe that the future of psychiatry lies not in the mental hospital but outside the mental hospital and that our first task should be to educate the general practitioner to become a better psychiatrist and, eventually, I hope, put us all out of a job," Dr. Rees said.

He spoke on a closed circuit television clinic to doctors in 34 cities.

The programme was sponsored and produced by Smith Kline and French laboratories in Philadelphia in co-operation with the American Medical Association, local medical societies and the American Psychiatric Association which is holding its annual meeting in Atlantic City this week.—United Press.

Nautilus Shakedown Cruise

Washington, May 10.
The atomic powered submarine, Nautilus, sailed from New London, Connecticut, today for a six-week "shakedown" cruise in the Atlantic.

Admiral Robert C. Carney, Chief of United States Naval Operations, was on board and will sail as a passenger for 24 hours. The exact route of the voyage was not disclosed.—Reuter.

BINH XUYEN LOST TWO BATTALIONS
Saigon, May 10.
Vietnamese officers said today that the Binh Xuyen who lost two battalions in recent street fighting in Saigon still had six crack battalions posted at Binh Sat, 20 miles to the south.

With their powerful Ho Chi Minh allies, the insurgent army has 35,000 battle-trained men in Cochinchina and poses a serious threat to Saigon, they said.

The insurgents are badly reinforced, reports said. All the seized premises owned by the Binh Xuyen will be sold by public auction, officials announced today. They included the big "Les Nouveaux Cathos" department store, one of the Saigon's biggest.

Premier Gamal Nasser, of Egypt (left) and Premier Jawaharlal Nehru of India (second from right), follow the old adage of "When you are in Rome, you must enjoy Rome" and enjoy Burma's traditional "Water Festival" as Burmese do—when they were in Rangoon en route to the Afro-Asian Conference at Bandung. The host, Premier U Nu, of Burma, is shown between the two distinguished guests, who were clad in Burma's traditional attire. On the extreme right is Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, who was among the Egyptian delegates to the Bandung meeting. Premier Nasser and Premier Nehru thus celebrated the New Year festival of Burma.—Express Photo.

REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN CHINA

Geneva, May 10.
European refugees in China face the problem of rarely being able to get at the same time permission to leave and permission to settle somewhere else, the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund was told here today.

UNVEIL PLAQUE
And so, almost 11 days after D-Day, a little group of that invasion force will gather to unveil a plaque.

Today the vast establishment at Harwell is busy engaged in ferrying out the scores of the atom, that strange symbol of destruction and peaceful progress.

The roar of propellers no longer shatters the air at Harwell, as it did during World War II. The planes are gone, and the men who flew them—those who are still alive—are older and grayer than when they piloted their craft over Europe.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Leslie Hollinghurst, who sat in the first plane off the ground on the night before D-Day when the Sixth Airborne Division took to the air, will be on hand for the ceremony.

So will General Sir Richard Gale, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine. In 1944, he led his Sixth Airborne Division in its midnight flight to France.

The first plane off the field at Harwell 11 years ago was clocked out at 2303 hours with Sir Leslie aboard.

Five Albemarle carrying the 22nd Independent Parachute Company followed, then the rest of the Sixth—244 planes and 98 gliders.

The planes dropped 4,310 troops by parachute, landed another 493 by glider, supplied the men with guns, jeeps, motorcycles and other supplies, then went back for more.

SECOND WAVE
One June 6, RAF Groups 36 and 48 picked up another 258 gliders from Harwell with reinforcements and supplies to fill the gaps on the beachhead.

The men who gather at the end of the runway at Harwell will remember all that when General Gale unveils the plaque. Then they will leave Harwell to its memories of the past war and its hopes that the old airfield's new job will mean peace in the future.—United Press.

Dr. Arthur Barsky noted New York plastic surgeon, and Dr. William Hittig, both of whom visited the women at Hiroshima, will perform the operations, the Hospital said.—Reuter.

Plastic Surgery For Hiroshima Victims
New York, May 10.
Twenty-five women victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima will leave here tomorrow for two weeks' rest at a Pennsylvania Quaker village before returning here for plastic surgery operations.

The women, their faces scarred by burns from the bombing, arrived here yesterday from Japan.

Officials at Mount Sinai Hospital said that the operations would begin about May 26 and that two women would be operated on at a time "so that none would become lonely."

'BATTLE OF THE BARS' Sydney 'Pig-Swirl' Still On

Sydney, May 10.

The "battle of the bars" is still fought each day in Sydney in spite of the extension of hotel trading hours to 10 p.m.

So far, ten o'clock closing has done nothing to alleviate the furious late afternoon "pig-swirl" drinking, which used to be blamed on six o'clock closing.

Sydney drinkers still crowd into the city "pubs" at five and drink as purposefully as they did when "time" was called at 6 p.m.

After almost 40 years of 6 p.m. closing, a majority of voters in a referendum last year favoured the extended hours and on February 1 the State Government introduced the change.

On the first night of ten o'clock closing, crowds gathered in the city to celebrate the new "freedom" and some hotelkeepers served drinks "on the house." But the novelty of new hours soon wore off and few hotelkeepers made an attempt to attract late customers.

FOLLOW SUIT
Hotelkeepers who have set out to attract late drinkers believe that other members of the trade will follow suit when they hear about the profits that can be made.

The comparatively few hotels which have provided special amenities, such as new lounges, beer gardens, music, and live entertainment, are all in the suburbs. In the city, there is probably not one hotel which is making a good regular profit at the evening trade.

At 6.30 p.m. when the hotels close for a 3.30 to 7.30 break, drinkers leave as reluctantly as they used to do at 6 p.m. but few return after their evening meal.

Usually, there are not more than six people in any city bar after 7.30 p.m.

The bars look gloomy and in many the lights switch off most of the night.

The public certainly approve of the later hours. A recent survey showed that 50.6 per cent were pleased with ten o'clock closing, 21.2 per cent were not pleased, and 28.2 per cent had no opinion. More than half (59.2 per cent) of the male drinkers and 24 per cent of the female drinkers said that they had taken advantage of the later closing.

FAMILY DRINKING
One of the most significant results of the new law has been the emergence of family drinking.

Husbands and wives are going together to have a drink at suburban hotels after evening meals. But they go only to the hotels which have attempted to cater for this type of drinking. Bars will have to be made much more attractive if they are to become generally acceptable to women patrons.

Most hotelkeepers, waiting to see what happened, deliberately refrained from making costly alterations to their premises before the introduction of the new laws.

Now, the public has shown unmistakably that it will give its evening patronage to the hotel which offers the most congenial and attractive conditions.

In the next few months, therefore, many hotelkeepers can be expected to improve their properties to meet the new competitive conditions. This will become more urgent, particularly for city hotels, as the people become more used to the later hours and change their habits of spreading them from afternoon to evening drinking.

Sydney drinkers may have a lot to learn about civilised drinking habits. But they have at least not come out the predictions of the prohibitionists that later closing would lead to riotous revelry.

NO INCREASE
Neither drunkenness nor crime has increased.

The only people who have suffered from the new law are some night club owners. Their main attraction was liquor—at fancy prices. No one need pay those prices any longer.—China Mail Special.

Disarmament Conference
London, May 10.
The five-nation disarmament conference now in its third month held a further secret meeting here today and will meet again on Thursday. It was officially announced today.

Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State at the Foreign Office, presided over today's session.

The four Western representatives held a separate private meeting this morning before today's full session with Russia of the United Nations Disarmament Commission's sub-committee.—Reuter.

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E. Germany Wants To Attend A-Conference

Berlin, May 10.

The East German Democratic Republic today requested an invitation from the United Nations to take part in the international conference for the peaceful use of atomic energy due to take part in Geneva in August next.

The request was contained in a letter from Mr. George Hanke, Secretary of State to the East German Foreign Ministry, addressed to Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Foreign Ministry announced officially tonight.

Mr. Hanke asked the Secretary-General to send the East German Government a formal invitation and the conference documents.

East Germany was working successfully towards solving the problem of the peaceful use of atomic energy, said Mr. Hanke in his letter.

SOVIET ASSISTANCE
Thanks to large scale scientific assistance of the Soviet Government, East Germany was ready to carry out full scale research in the use of atomic energy in medicine, biology and other scientific and technical fields.

He added that his country was ready to participate actively in the development of international co-operation, in the interests of progress in the peaceful use of such energy.

It was ready to send to the Geneva conference a delegation of eminent scientists.

German physicist Nobel prize winner Gustav Hertz, has for some time been concentrating in East Germany on the uses of atomic energy, in collaboration with several other German scientists, repatriated from the Soviet Union, where they had been transferred after the war.—France-Press.

Jap Film Applauded At Cannes

Cannes, May 10.

Japan made up strongly for lost ground in the Cannes International film competition today with the presentation of her final picture of the festival "Senhime" (Princess Soga), which was hailed with enthusiastic applause by an audience of film celebrities, critics and journalists.

Previous to today's presentation, Japan had been virtually ruled out of any chance for recognition as Japan's first two films, Chikamatsu Monogatari (A Legend of Chikamatsu) and Onna no Koyori (Women's Calendar) received a cool reception.

An incident caused by remarks about France attributed to producer Masachi Nagata had clouded Japan's position at the Festival but was later smoothed over.

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82-YEAR-OLD STUDENT

Miami, May 10.
Mr. Bert Schnurer, tired of retirement at 82, is studying for the bar at the University of Miami Law School, where he hopes to graduate next year.

Macmillan Opens Tory TV Election Campaign

London, May 10.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, left here by air for Paris tonight after making the Conservative Party's first televised general election speech. The elections are to be held on May 28.

In his speech, Mr. Macmillan expressed his satisfaction that the Soviet Union had accepted the Austrian treaty which they (the Russians) "signed" waited for years. The treaty is to be signed in Vienna next Sunday.

Speaking on the projected Big Four talks, Mr. Macmillan said: "We Conservatives were always in favour of negotiating with the USSR. We are in favour of negotiating through strength. Now we have the strength."

NEW INITIATIVE
Mr. Macmillan said the Big Three made "a new initiative for peace" when they dispatched a joint note to the Soviet Union today, calling for Big Four talks.

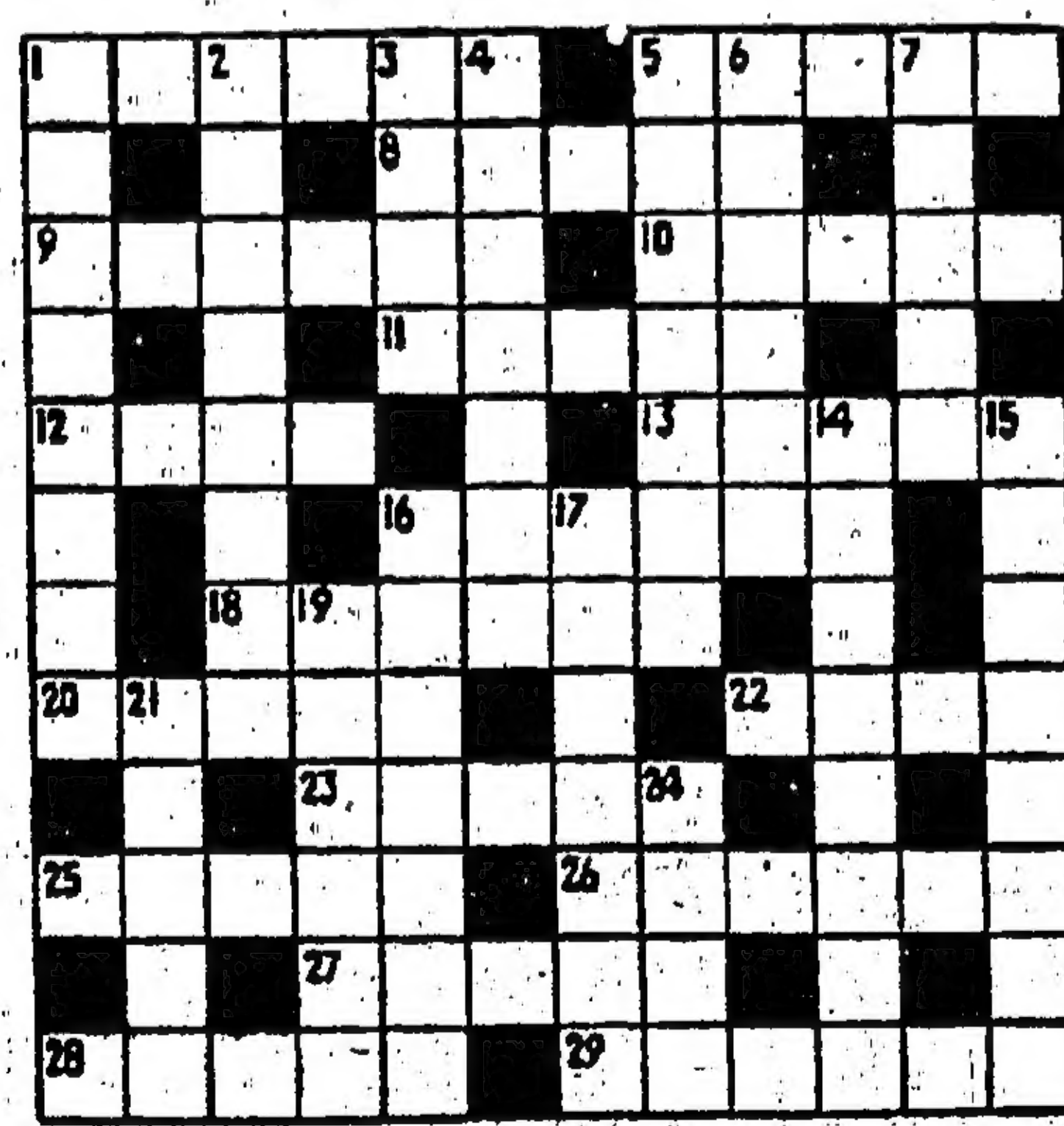
Mr. Macmillan said Britain had made much progress at home under the Conservative Government and added: "We must have peace and security."

Speaking of West Germany's entry yesterday into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, Mr. Macmillan said "France and Germany have shaken hands after ages of bitter feud."—France-Press.

Madrid, May 10.
Don Jose Maria Sauras, aged 76, has been ordained a priest here.

Three brothers, all Jesuit priests, took part in the ceremony.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Parent (8).
 - Put up (5).
 - Allude (5).
 - Equine gait (6).
 - Ornaments (7).
 - Bain-snow mixture (5).
 - Land measure (4).
 - Cook (5).
 - Abandon (6).
 - Tormented playfully (6).
 - Severe (5).
 - Tuckle (4).
 - Monsters (5).
 - Steer (5).
 - Contumacious (6).
 - Went astray (5).
 - Chasm (5).
 - Muffle (6).
- DOWN**
- Goes abroad (8).
 - Endure (8).
 - London statue (4).
 - Answers (7).
 - Prised up (7).
 - Speaker (8).
 - Sumrise (5).
 - Number (6).
 - Perils (7).
 - Cut off (7).
 - Wears away (6).
 - Digit (5).
 - Flank (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Evil, 7 Fleet, 8 Arab, 9 Bug, 10 Prizes, 13 Grog, 15 Dimes, 18 Sent, 19 Prods, 21 Trade, 22 Diet, 23 Weir, 24 Meet, 25 Average, 26 Rare, 31 Vies, 32 Psalm, 33 Post, 34 Down: 1 Alert, 2 Decided, 4 Verse, 5 Lags, 6 Dado, 8 Bent, 11 Shine, 12 Look, 14 Gosh, 16 Spire, 17 Stem, 18 Safe, 20 Redress, 23 Dive, 24 Earls, 25 Agile, 27 East, 28 Trep.

THE PRICE OF SILENCE

DURING '48 I received a letter from a man I will call Appleton. He said he had a proposition to make, a literary proposition. Would I call? I replied that I would.

His address was a good one. But I was not prepared for him to be quite so wealthy. When I rang a butler opened the door. I was conducted up a wide staircase, the walls hung with old masters, and ushered into a library where Appleton welcomed me. "It is very good of you to come," he said. "I am a great admirer of your books. Sit down. What will you have? A martini or Scotch or do you like vodka?"

by
Maurice Collis

He was not long in getting to the point. "The fact is," he said, "that I've got a story to tell, my life story. It's a good one, but I can't write it. I've tried, torn up, tried again. But it's just because you are one of the tip-top chaps that I'm asking you. No ghost fellow could tackle my stuff."

A ghost

I mumbled something and he proceeded: "Wonder whether you would undertake it?"

"You want me to write your biography?"

"Yes and no," he replied. "I want you to write my autobiography. You write, I sign."

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He was such an amusing raconteur.....

tween the raw material he gave me and the finished article.

On the day I handed him the typescript with his name on the title page there was just a hint in his eye that he half believed he was the author. This delusion grew when he heard from the publishers. He had got in touch with a good firm and had an enthusiastic reply within the week.

They told him, among other things, that he was a born writer. He was offered a large sum down and liberal royalties, though of course the advance

MAURICE COLLIS is a man with two distinct careers. The first has helped the second.

After 25 years in the Indian Civil Service, he retired in 1936 and at once began writing books, capitalising his great knowledge of the East. The first, *Siamese White*, was quickly followed by a stream—one, and sometimes two, a year.

He has two children by a first marriage, three by a second and lives in Maidenhead.

was only a fraction of what he had given me. "No matter," he told me, "a good Press is what I want. And that's fairly sure, considering how the publishers have praised me. I mean you, of course," he added quickly.

Success!

The book came out in due course. We had expected a success but nothing like the success there was.

Appleton became famous overnight.

Not only was there material success, but he had also a great success of a different kind. Leading critics praised his admirable style, his wit, his profundity. He was guest of honour at literary luncheons, was invited to preside over literary discussions. In all this, he had such an excellent manner, was such an amusing raconteur and could entertain so superbly in his big house, that he perfectly filled the role.

A few months of this adulation and he had forgotten that I was the author of his book. Or if he remembered, it was only occasionally and with a bit of a shock. Not that when we met he put on airs. He was altogether too decent a chap for

that. I was invited to his parties, when he would introduce me as a famous author.

One day alone with me he even said that he owed to me the happiest time of his life and felt that he had paid me too little, though he did not actually follow this up.

I had been quite content at first. After all, my fee had been tremendous. I found it amusing, too, to watch the literary world fawning on a

"What fraud this time, Grubbe!" I rallied him.

"Something that will interest you." There's a fellow posing as a literary giant, but I have found papers which prove that he employs a ghost writer."

I concealed my feelings and kept smiling. "What are you going to do?" I asked.

"Expose him unless he makes a public admission. But I must hurry now. My dogs are waiting. I'll tell you more another time."

I went straight to Appleton and gave him the news. "It's all my fault," I ended, telling him I had thrown the papers in the dustbin.

"How could he have got hold of them?" he objected.

"Things like that happen," I said. "Dustmen drop their rubbish, papers blow away. Grubbe lives in the next street to me."

Appleton did not disguise his anxiety. "It will be ruin if he talks. But surely he can be dissuaded. Let him name his figure."

"He's not that sort of man," I said. "It's a case of principle, not blackmail, worse luck."

Humbled

"Principle! Good God! What's to be done, then?" Appleton was humbler than I had seen him for a long time.

"I've thought of a counter principle that may work. It will cost something. Have I carte blanche?"

"Of course. Here. Take this." He opened a drawer and took out a bundle of fivers. His hand shook as he handed them over. "Don't delay an instant," he begged.

My talk with Grubbe was short. After a minimum of explanation, and no names mentioned, I said: "Don't do it, old chap. It's not fair on the dogs. It's not being honest with them."

Trouble

It was, I suppose, less than a week later that I ran into Grubbe in the street.

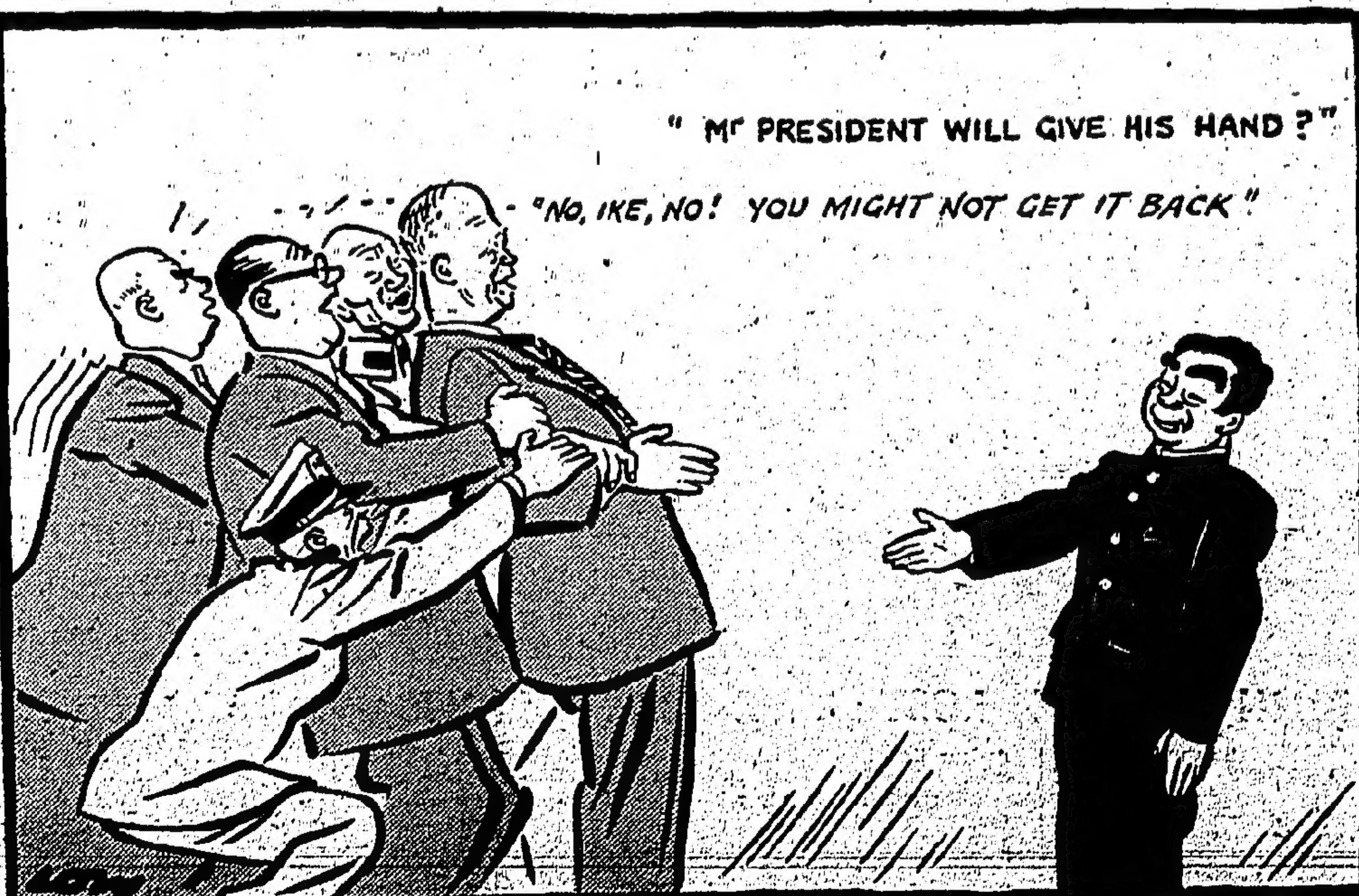
I had known him for years as an enthusiast. He espoused causes, unmasked villains and ran a home for stray dogs. Now he had a bustling, cheerful air, which told me he had found a new wrong to put right. Sure enough he burst out with

"No, Ike, no! You might not get it back"

"M' PRESIDENT WILL GIVE HIS HAND?"

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Here's what will put them and hundreds more in clover for a long time." He stared at me, then at the fivers, hesitated, and took them. All he said was: "You're right. It wouldn't be honest. I could never look them again in the face." Afraid he'd change his mind, I left at once, after he had given me a packet of papers.

When Appleton and I opened the packet we found the papers had nothing to do with us. It was a different eminent writer (I confess I would never have suspected him) and a different ghost. "I'm afraid I wasted your money," I said, "though I'm glad to say it wasn't necessary to give him more than half you put up." I laid 60 fivers on the table.

"Oh, keep the change," he said.

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HAMMOND INNES

Yesterday's story by Milton Shulman was FACT.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

SIR WINSTON SCHURCHILL'S

H-bomb speech appeared in the papers

just when your Uncle Nat

and his life partner, the

Plucky Little Woman, told

each other they would soon

emerge from their snow-

bound igloo and dance in

the sunshine like the Eskimos to give joyful welcome to the spring.

During the cold spell the Sea-Net seemed very much like the Eskimos. The P.L.W. was reading about it in a book. According to her, it had the same stuffy atmosphere because all the windows were shut tight against the weather.

We were also wrapped in layers of woollies until we looked round, and squat like Eskimos. If the cold weather had lasted much longer we might have eaten the pocket of candles we always keep handy in case the electric lights fuse.

Almost hidden by elderdowns and reading from her book, the P.L.W. informed your Uncle that there was always a grand corner smoking, or eating lumps of blubber, and smelling worse than all the others because he was too old to give himself a snow bath.

As your Uncle is a grandfather, is always smoking in a corner and had dodged a bath that day because the bathroom was like a refrigerator, these remarks caused a certain amount of resentment, particularly when the P.L.W. added that the Eskimo grandfather

became hairier and hairier as he grew older until he had a chest like a hearthrug. It was nature's protection against prolonged cold.

Moreover, she said, when the younger members of the tribe became sick of the smell of smoke, blubber, and unwashed grandpops, they threw the old chap out into the snow to die.

But despite this your Uncle remained fairly cheerful even when he mistook three Alsatian dogs sniffing at the front door for wolves. He did some of the shopping because the P.L.W. feels the cold acutely, but when he was too busy to go out the P.L.W. invented a cold-weather shopping system of her own.

She would telephone an order for fish, and when the fishmonger called would send her to buy beer, groceries. When the grocer called she would send him to buy fish. On the coldest day, when she refused even to open the back door, she rapped on the kitchen window to stop a passing tradesman and mouthed orders at him through the glass.

That was why, when she was observed mouthing, "Fish, fish, fish," and "Cheese, cheese," at a frozen and puzzled greengrocer on the other side of the window, your Uncle began to wonder if she needed a holiday.

Then the sun disappeared, the run came out, and the Eskimos were ready to greet the spring with song and dance.

But the Churchill speech, giving us four years to go to the most put in and to all that nonsense, threw your Uncle, "always" looking on the bright side," reminded the P.L.W. that it will just give him time to draw his postwar credits.

Dog's Life

THE startling news that American poodles get nervous

breakdowns when their owners are worried about income-tax has inspired the following article by Mr. Wuff Wuff Rover, the distinguished Alsace. It was specially written for The Animal's Newspaper.

Ever since men and dogs became friends (writes Mr. Rover) observant people have noticed that the facts of many dogs are disguised by permanent frowns and worry wrinkles.

It is particularly noticeable among thoughtful, responsible breeds such as bloodhounds, collies, bull dogs, boxers, and St. Bernards. Up till now their worries have been comparatively trivial, though just as real as the worries of any over-anxious person saddled with responsibility.

Hard-working, conscientious sleep dogs have spent sleepless nights wondering if one of their flock has strayed, counting sheep over and over again, and doubting their own arithmetic. Police dogs worry about unsolved crime, house dogs about burglars, and dogs put in charge of children about road crossings and motor-cars.

Dogs also have real worries about their own affairs.

Like under-privileged people, under-privileged dogs are always asking themselves when the next bone is coming from them. They envy rich dogs meeting at them from the windows of limousines and are jealous of sporting dogs living a healthy life in the country, mixing with the best people and always sure of a good home, good food and regular employment.

Moreover, dogs rich by dog standards are very anxious about the possession of property.

SAM WHITE'S PARIS NEWSLETTER

PICASSO QUTTS VALLAURIS

PARIS. THE 2,000 inhabitants of the picturesque village of Vallauris, overlooking Golfe-Juan on the Riviera, have received some worrying news. Pablo Picasso is leaving.

To Vallauris, painter Picasso has been something more than its most distinguished citizen and a great tourist attraction in himself; he has also been a reanimator of the village's major industry.

When Picasso first went to Vallauris in 1946 he found an ancient pottery works in almost complete disuse. Only a handful of "arty-crafty" shops kept alive the memory of what had once been Vallauris's great occupation.

Picasso fell in love with the medium, producing in ceramics some of his most brilliant work. Dozens of pottery workers who had drifted to other industries soon returned to their ancient craft. Picasso's studio, a converted garage, became a centre of instruction in the craft.

Why is Picasso leaving Vallauris? The reason lies in his recent separation from his 33-year-old common-law wife, Francoise Gilot, mother of two of his children. Picasso's simple three-story house in Vallauris was bought by him in her name and now she has claimed it.

Picasso is not moving far. For 215,000 he has bought a villa, The California, on the outskirts of Cannes. His furniture and canvases are already being moved into it.

The California is an imposing property, in large grounds, and the villa itself contains some 20 rooms with four large salons, one of which will be converted into Picasso's studio.

It is in a part of Cannes in which are some of the Riviera's most sumptuous villas. Among Picasso's near neighbours will be the Aga Khan and Communist leader, Maurice Thorez, for whom the party has recently bought a villa.

Hopes in Vallauris of a reconciliation between Picasso and Mlle. Gilot are going to prove groundless. She plans to marry a Paris painter.

One object of value which Picasso has left to the village power, without losing her, and which is a great tourist attraction, is the atom bomb.

traction is his statue, "Man with a Sheep," which is in the village square opposite the 14th-century church.

RECENTLY I saw a group of English schoolgirls consulting their dictionaries in puzzlement outside a Champs Elysee cinema. They had reason to be puzzled. The cinema they were standing outside advertised a film with the title "Razzia sur la Chaux". Opposite another cinema was showing Du Rind Chez Les Hommes. Further along there was a film with yet another baffling title: "Ne Touchez Pas le Grisi". All three films were adapted from gangster thrillers written by a 40-year-old ex-convict, Auguste le Breton.

Le Breton's works, written in almost incomprehensible gangster slang, are best sellers in Paris now. For those who are brushing up on their French here are rough translations of the three titles in the order I have mentioned them:

Narcotics Raid: A Spot of Disagreement, Hands off the Dough.

HOUSE CHANGE

BRITAIN'S Ambassador in Paris, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, has rented a house in the South of France for July and August. The house is the property of Nottingham-born 61-year-old Colonel Eric Dunstan, the Ambassador will be paying the bargain price of £25 a week for it.

Dunstan, a former BBC announcer, married a wealthy American in 1937. His wife died only eight months later in a car crash in Mexico. Before her death the couple had bought a villa in Grasse which has since been remodelled and is now one of the most lavish homes in the South of France.

It stands in 44 acres of wooded land and contains many valuable old masters. Dunstan's staff—of a 50-year-old Indian valet, a butler, a secretary, chauffeur and gardener—remain with Sir Gladwyn.

QUOTES

Premier Edgar Faure (April 4): "France cannot be a great power unless she produces the atom bomb."

Premier Edgar Faure (April 20): "France can still be a great power without losing her resources on the atom bomb."



It was almost necessary to design absorbent frames for the Top Spot on the Sports Parade this week because we had virtually to bring out, and dry out, the seven members of the Army 'B' Football team who took part in one of the most fantastic soccer matches ever seen when they played in the Stanley Shield Seven-a-side competition at the Club Stadium last night.

In a veritable cloudburst which swamped the playing pitch the seven soldiers beat St. Joseph's 'A' by two goals to one, but truth to tell it was achieved more on aquatic ability than on football merit.

The team lined up as follows:—Cnr. Tulline, Cnr. Ashworth, Cnr. Hogan, Cnr. Parsons, Cnr. Haydock, Cnr. Chalmers, and Cnr. Hiscock. The record books, it should be said that they were the familiar Army playing kit, but from the moment the whistle went for the start until it called a final halt, what took place on the pitch was far removed from what we normally regard as football.

The crowd loved it, and strangely enough so did the players on both sides, who, having navigated themselves successfully through to the interval were loud in protest against a suggestion that premature halt should be called.

It was eventually decided to let them go on and to the calls of encouragement from the crowd in the stands they weighed anchor, waded, waddled, plunged and splashed to great purpose and there was a great sigh of relief when "Pilot" Haydock from a position near No. 3 Buoy ferried one into the back of St. Joseph's unguarded net... but I am asked to state that there is not a word of truth in the suggestion that the Saints' keeper was fishing at the time.

It was great fun under the most unusual conditions and Soldiers and Saints alike did enough to suggest that whatever happens in the Stanley Shield a successful swimming season is assured.

CRICKET TALK

The other day I had the opportunity to talk cricket with one of the officials who was mainly instrumental in the Army having two teams in the Senior Division this season and he told me that he felt more than ever now that this move had made a real contribution to what had been an excellent season and was one that had proved generally popular with the other teams in the competition.

With the season now over, the natural reaction is to ask what is in store for next season. In this respect it seems that the first step will have to be to find new players for the majority of those who played in the North and South teams will be away from the Colony before the 1955-56 season starts. It is known that there are one or two young players who will probably make the grade but the officials are confident that there will be enough reinforcements to ensure that the Army is again well represented. Whatever materialises in the way of new players, there is little doubt that the Army teams continue to play the same good, entertaining, cricket as they did this year: they will prove popular opponents whenever they are in action.

News reaching the Colony from Malaya is that our interest in the Goldbeck Cup is over for another year as our representatives, 42 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, were narrowly beaten by one goal to nil by 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers in the semi-final tie at Kuala Lumpur.

The fact that the Hongkong winners had to play a semi-final match and not move directly into the final came as something of a surprise to the authorities in Hongkong, but that was apparently the arrangement for this season and it is a matter for regret that after such a long trip 42 Fd. Regt. RA should be defeated in the preliminary game and so miss a chance of appearing in the final.

Congratulations to Royal Engineers on the fine play that has won the Major's Cup, and congratulations too, to District Workshops REME for a similar success in the Minor Units competition.

Neither League has been completed but the players cannot be overtaxed and the competitions are now finished.

WATER POLO REFERIES

The first of the special courses for Water Polo Referees will be held at the Victoria Barracks Swimming Pool on Thursday and Friday 12 and 13 of May. On the first day instruction will be given from 2

CRICKET SCORES

London, May 10.

Results of first class cricket matches which ended today were:

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire-Sussex match abandoned because of rain. Sussex 188 and 143 for eight (Dooland, right arm, leg break; five for 46). Nottinghamshire 185.

At Birmingham: Warwickshire-Somerset match abandoned (rain). Warwickshire 359 and 159 for three declared (Woolton, not out 65). Somerset 241 and 66 for one.

At Lord's: Middlesex-Derbyshire match abandoned as a draw because of rain. Derbyshire 150 and 174 for nine declared (Moss, right arm fast medium, six for 45). Middlesex 111 and six for one.

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Glamorgan by three wickets. Glamorgan 68 and 198. Hampshire 153 and 97 for seven (Shepherd, right arm fast medium, four for 39).

At Leicester: Leicestershire-Kent match drawn (rain). Kent 137 and 231 (Hearn 55, Jackson right arm off break, five for 48). Leicestershire 218 and 48 for one.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University-Essex match drawn. Essex 220 and 194 for two declared (Dodge 80, Barker not out 67). Cambridge University 222 and 110 for one (Buckingham not out 52).—Reuter.

Italian Player Collapses In Singles Final

Rome, May 10.

Giuseppe Merlo, young Italian player, collapsed when leading at match point in the Men's Singles Final of the Italian Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

He was forced to retire soon afterwards and his opponent, Fausto Gardini, Italy's top player, was awarded the title.

Merlo, leading by two sets to one and 6-5 in the fourth, suddenly rolled over on the ground at match point on Gardini's service.

Attendants rushed out and massaged Merlo for some minutes. He staggered to his feet to receive service from Gardini, who won the point for deuce, but Merlo again collapsed writhing on the sandy court. This time he could not continue. Gardini won by 6-1, 1-6, 3-5, 6-0 (retired).

Art Larsen, United States, and Enrique Morea of Argentina won the Men's Doubles final, beating Nicola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola of Italy 6-1, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.—Reuter.

Tennis Tourney Organisers Must Submit Accounts

Rome, May 10.

The International Lawn Tennis Federation today tightened their rule governing the expenses of amateur players.

At their Annual General Meeting here, it was agreed that organisers of tournament must send to the International Federation detailed accounts of expenses paid out to players participating.

The Federation also agreed that when it is impossible for a player to receive tennis equipment equal to the value of vouchers won as prizes in a foreign country, these vouchers must be sent to the player's National Federation which will ensure that they are exchanged for equipment.

In the past some players receiving prize vouchers were said to have exchanged them for cash with local dealers which is against the amateur rules.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICANS BEATEN IN OPENING MATCH

London, May 10.

The South African touring team suffered the same fate as their predecessors in 1947 in being defeated in the opening match of their English tour.

In both cases, Worcestershire, one of the lesser English County sides, were responsible. In 1947, they won by 39 runs, today by 117 runs.

Worcestershire, who had scored 209 in their second innings, left the "Springboks" the almost impossible task of scoring 281 runs in three hours and 40 minutes. They failed to play out time by 69 minutes.

At first all went well. McGlew and Goddard making an opening stand of 86. It was then that Martin Horton, an almost unknown professional, who has yet to win his County cap, so bewildered the tourists on a driving pitch that he finished with no runs and no wickets for 40 minutes.

McGlew (46) and Goddard (77) both of whom fell to off-break bowler Horton, were the only batsmen to score over 20 runs.—France Press.

CUP FINAL



The Cup Final at Wembley between Newcastle United and Manchester City. Picture shows Milburn scoring for Newcastle in the first minutes of the game following a corner from White. Manchester goalie Trautman and another defender watch as the ball enters the top corner of the net.



Newcastle won the Cup by beating Manchester City 3-1. Picture shows the Newcastle captain, J. Seomar, surrounded by teammates as he shows the trophy he received from The Queen.—Central Press Photos.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Men's A Div: HKCC v CRG; Urban C SCAA v BSC; Ladies B Div: LRC (2) v LRC (1); KGV v HKU; CRG v CCG; SCAA v KCC.

TOMORROW

Victory Shield Final: Chinese v Services (C Hill). At 8.30 p.m. Exhibition match: Veterans v REME (C Hill) at 7.15 p.m.

Tennis

Men's B Div: KRCCA v KCC; CCG v CCG (1); HKU v Recreation HKCC v LRC; SCAA v RAF; CCG (2) v CCGSC.

Ladies & Div: USRC (2) v LRC; Recreation v USRC (1).

Boxing: ABC Dinner Dance at Blue Heaven Night Club, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Soccer: Stanley Shield: At HKCC competition at 4 p.m. CAA v BSC; 'A' Army 'A' v Dairy Farm; KMS 'B' v South China 'A'; KMS 'A' v S & S Turner; C & W v St. Joseph's 'B'; RAF 'A' v REME; Victoria Club 'B' v Prisoners v Javine.

"Little Mo" For The Press Box

Miami, Florida, May 10.

Miss Maureen Connolly, Californian star of American Women's Lawn Tennis, will not defend her Wimbledon title next month but will attend as a Reporter. Miss Davis Hart, currently top ranked American player, said here today.

Miss Hart said that she had received a letter from "Little Mo," who is to be married next month. Miss Connolly said she would not be playing at Wimbledon but would be doing a Reporter's job. She is a Reporter's trainee on a newspaper in her home city, San Diego.

Miss Connolly, 26-year-old winner of the Wimbledon title for the past three years, has been unable to compete in the United States since a riding accident last July. Three months ago she announced her retirement from competitive tennis.—Reuter.

THE FOUR-MINUTE MILE —DR. BANNISTER'S DETAILED REPORT

By DENNIS HART

What made Roger Bannister tick? How did the flying doctor so judge his amazing finish to burn up every ounce of energy? Where did he find the energy?

These questions have remained top athletic talking points ever since Bannister crashed the four minutes barrier in May last year.

Now, Bannister himself gives the detailed answer—fourteen pages of it in a book just brought out by the Achilles Club ("Athletics"), published by J. M. Dent, 15s.).

Says Bannister: "Running in the most natural, relaxed and economical way gives the best results. Towards the end of the race, the advantage is held by the runner who has covered the distance with the greatest muscular economy."

Thus the way was paved for those hilling Bannister finishes. Does it sound too easy?

There is a deceptive simplicity about the formula, explains Bannister. "It means that the exact procedure for each runner can only be carefully worked out after a long period of self observation supplemented by the help of a coach."

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OVER THE POLE

SYDNEY TO AMSTERDAM

Sydney, May 10. Australians going to Europe by air will from June onwards be able to sit back eating roast chicken and thick juicy steaks while their airliner skirts the top of the world to land them at Amsterdam.

In the last 18 hours of their flight they will be able to sip champagne if they want, and look down on the ice caps and glass-like mountains of the Eastern Islands, Greenland and the northern tip of Iceland.

Canadian Pacific Airlines are introducing this new service from Sydney to Amsterdam via Auckland, Suva, Honolulu, Vancouver, and then across the Arctic Circle to the European terminus.

Passengers will have a total 50 hours in the air and a 26½ hours stop-over at Honolulu.

ONLY LINE

They will be flying with the only airline to take a passenger route which crosses the Equator, the International Date Line, and the Arctic Circle on the one flight.

According to the experts, the Arctic Circle offers the smoothest flying conditions in the world.

There is no "weather." Thunderstorms are unknown. Currents of heated air which rush upward over other routes to bounce the planes around do not exist.

Ice does not bother planes so close to the North Pole. It is too cold to form on wings only in narrow temperature range around freezing point.

Planes flying the Arctic Circle fly over only 650 miles of ocean. The rest of the 4,800-mile flight from Vancouver is over land, beginning with the Canadian Rockies and out over the northern prairies before cutting into the Arctic Circle; and then "downhill" to the northern edge of Scotland and on to Amsterdam.

The route is so planned that the aircraft will always be within 90 minutes of an airfield. Development of northern Canada and the building of airport facilities among the Arctic islands made this possible.

The man behind the new route is the Company's president, Mr. G. W. Grant-McDonagh. This 6 ft. 3 in. former bush pilot pioneered many northern Canadian air routes.

MORE FACILITIES

In the 1930's, flying in these vast frozen areas, he campaigned for more facilities for land planes against the then-popular sea planes. Landing strips came into operation.

The strips made possible the North-West staging route during the last war, across which planes from the United States were flown to Russia.

Later, Mr. McDonagh inaugurated the Vancouver-Orient route, via the great circle across the Pacific.

Canadian Pacific is not the first airline to fly the Arctic Circle. Its pilots are already learning the ropes in the cockpit of the Scandinavian Airlines System, which last year began a service from Los Angeles to Copenhagen over the Arctic.

Although the new route takes the planes within a few hundred miles of the magnetic North Pole, pressurized cabin temperatures will be kept despite the intense cold outside the aircraft.

Special navigational aids developed by the Royal Canadian Air Force for far northern latitudes will combine with radio navigation to beat the magnetic pull on normal instruments. Winds will help the pilots, both arriving and going.—China Mail Special.

VIETMINH PROTEST TO FRENCH

London, May 10. The North Vietnamese Army has lodged a protest with the French Union forces against an alleged series of French encroachments upon the territorial waters and air of the North Vietnamese Republic, according to the New China News Agency today.

The Note asks the French High Command to refrain from further such encroachments and mentions seven incidents said to have occurred between April 19 and 29.

The Note pointed out these encroachments violated the Geneva Armistice agreement and "created an atmosphere unfavourable to the consolidation of peace in Vietnam."—Reuters.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

MERCEDES OPENING IN US

NY COTTON EXCHANGE CONTRACT

New York, May 10. The New York Cotton Exchange today announced the adoption, subject to membership approval, of a new cotton futures contract.

If approved by the members the changes will become effective immediately. The commencement of trading in the October 1956 delivery, gradually replacing current contracts which will expire in September 1956. The 1-1/32 inch middling inch cotton will be the base of the new contract, replacing middling 15/16 inch staple which has been the base since 1939. Prior to that time the contract was based on 1/8 inch staple.

Similar action has been taken by the New Orleans Cotton Exchange Board of Directors, where no approval by the membership is required.

The new contract will allow full staple premiums for cotton 1-1/32 inch staple. As for 1-1/16 inch and longer staples, the new contract provides the average premium for 1-1/32 plus 75 per cent of the difference of the premium between 1-1/32 and 1-1/16 inch.

The Micronaire requirement for all cotton tendered on contract will be raised to 3.5 from 3.0 (Micronaire is a mechanical test used to determine the fineness of cotton).—United Press.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.70
May	35.70
July	35.70
October	35.70
December	35.70
March	35.70
May	35.70
July	35.70

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.00
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December	34.00
March	34.00
May	34.00
July	34.00

LIVERPOOL

Official values in spot cotton included:

American middling	32.25
15/16 inch	32.25
American strict low middling	31.85
14th	31.85
Nigerian	31.85
Indian & Pakistani	31.85
roller-ginned	31.85
roller-ginned super fine	31.85
Egyptian	31.85
Karnak good-fully-good	31.85
Ashmuni	31.85

—United Press.

Cotton Deal

Karachi, May 10. Pakistan today signed an agreement with Italy for the import of cotton yarn worth US\$1,000,000. The agreement is the fifth in a series concluded within the framework of the United States economic aid to Pakistan, under which Pakistan can import textiles worth \$22,000,000 from any country, subject to approval by the United States.

Pakistan previously concluded agreements with Germany, England, Hongkong and Lebanon.—France-Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, May 10. The tin market was quieter with spot falling 1½ pence to 271½ and three-months 2½ to 271½. Turnover was 40 tons, of which 10 tons were for cash.

Closing prices in sterling per long ton were:

Tin spot buyers	711
3-month buyers	712
3-month sellers	713
Settlement	714

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local exchange market at the following rates:

US dollar (per \$1)	5.48
Sterling (per £1)	12.75
Indonesian (per 100)	23.75
Sumatra (per 100)	23.75
Singapore (per 100)	23.75
Malaya (per 100)	23.75

Will Concentrate On Quality Production

New York, May 10.

The formation of a United States and Canadian subsidiary of the German Mercedes Benz automobile producer is announced and indications are that its first trucks will be assembled here some time this year.

Mr Carl F. Giese, Director of Daimler-Benz A. G., said the new company, known as Daimler-Benz of North America, Inc., will build its own plant in the United States with capital "already secured" and with assistance of American partners.

INDIAN EXPORT TRADE

New York, May 10.

Great potentialities exist for India to boost her export trade in Middle Eastern countries, according to a report submitted to the Government by an Indian delegation which recently studied market conditions in Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon.

The official delegation of Indian traders was understood to have recommended the appointment of a committee of Indian traders to keep liaison with the Government for the purpose of regulating exports according to the tests and requirements of Middle Eastern countries.

There are especially good markets for diesel engines, sewing machines, electric fans, plastic goods, tea and jute, the report said. The Sudan area was singled out as particularly promising because it has a genuine desire to trade with India.—United Press.

Singapore

Stock Market

Singapore, May 11. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Batu Lintang Rubber Co.	1.40
British Borneo Petroleum	32.75
Synthetic	32.75
Consolidated Tin Smelters	32.75
Ord.	32.75
Fraser & Neave Ltd.	1.65
11½ cum. pref.	1.65
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	82.50
Kempas Ltd.	1.43
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	1.80
Malayan Breweries	3.50
New Serendah Rubber Co.	1.31
Petaling Tin Ltd.	32.50
Raffles Hotel	1.67
Singapore Cold Storage	1.67
South British Insurance	112.50
Co. Ltd.	112.50
Straits Trading	22.00
Straits Steamship	112.50
United Engineers Ord.	11.00
Wearne Bros.	1.65

ex-div.—China Mail Special.

New York Sugar Market

New York, May 10. Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 24 contracts.

Profit-taking and hedge selling lowered both contracts after a firm start. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)	3.41
July	3.41
Sept.	3.41
Nov.	3.41
Jan.	3.41
Mar.	3.41
May	3.41
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba)	3.22

Contract No. 6

July	5.61
Sept.	5.62
Nov.	5.63
Jan.	5.64
Mar.	5.65
May	5.66
Spot (cents per lb. for NY ex-duty)	5.21

—United Press.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, May 10. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	14.15
Tin	14.15
Zinc	14.15
Copper	14.15

—United Press.

ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE

We regret that owing to a very poor radio reception, many of our usual commercial items were not available this morning.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, May 10.

The rubber market was steadier on better overseas advices with trade support and covering. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	May 31-31½
No. 2 rubber per lb.	June 30½-30¾
No. 3 rubber per lb.	July 30¾-30½
Spot rubber unbleached	31½-31¼
Blanket crepe	31½-31¼
No. 1 pale crepe	30½-30¾

—United Press.

AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, CIF June as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.64 buyers
No. 2 rubber	2.63 buyers
No. 3 rubber	2.62 buyers
No. 1 crepe	2.78 buyers

—United Press.

LONDON

The market was very steady. No. 1 spot Rs were quoted at 27½ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 spot Rs	27½-27¼
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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

Booklover

THE country hotel had once been a coaching inn and, although cars now filled its ample yard and a sign outside warned "No Coaches," there were times of day when it was not difficult for visitors to picture themselves back in another, calmer age.

Especially if they caught a glimpse of George.

For George with his leathery, weather-beaten face, and his jaunty walk and manner, might have spent all his life minding horses—wrapped in greatcoats and capes on the box of a coach or more humbly doing an ostler's job in the stables of the inn.

GEORGE'S HOBBY

BUT only in appearance does George resemble those men who a hundred years ago followed their occupation in the cobbled yard whose four walls fix the boundaries of his place of work.

They, when they had any leisure, hardly know what to do with their time. George, though, he has more time on his hands, never wants for something to do. He has a hobby that absorbs him utterly.

In his working hours, he is at everyone's beck and call. For his job is the humblest, almost, that there is in a hotel—he is a kitchen-porter.

FREEMAN OF THE WORLD

BUT when his duties are over he lives, in his imagination, many lives much more exciting, and one night may inhabit an 18th century court, and the next a South Sea island. For reading is his hobby and the books that he loves and saves up for and collects make him a freeman of the world.

His small room is full of books, good books, not trash, and when he has a day off and the price of the fare, there is nothing gives George more pleasure than to come to London and browse in the bookshops. When he can, he buys a book to take home with him. And sometimes, when the craving for a book he cannot afford becomes unbearable, George steals.

He was caught doing that the other day—stealing three expensive books.

20 VOLUMES

THE police visited his room at the hotel, saw George's library, and asked whether he had stolen any of the books there. He picked out 20. "I stole these in..." he said, and he mentioned a nearby town.

At Bow Street he pleaded guilty to the thefts before Mr. E. G. Robey, who was told that twice before George had been in trouble. As a young man, in the north of England, 20 years ago, he had been caught trying to steal. Three years ago, he had been fined for stealing books.

"His employer is here, and would like to speak for him," said a detective, and the proprietor of the country hotel stepped forward.

A GOOD HOME

"HE'S been at the hotel 18 years," said George's boss. "He was there long before I took over. He's a very good worker, honest, loyal, one of the best. Now that I know about this weakness, I'm sure that my family and I can help him to overcome it. We've got a very good home and I think he appreciates it."

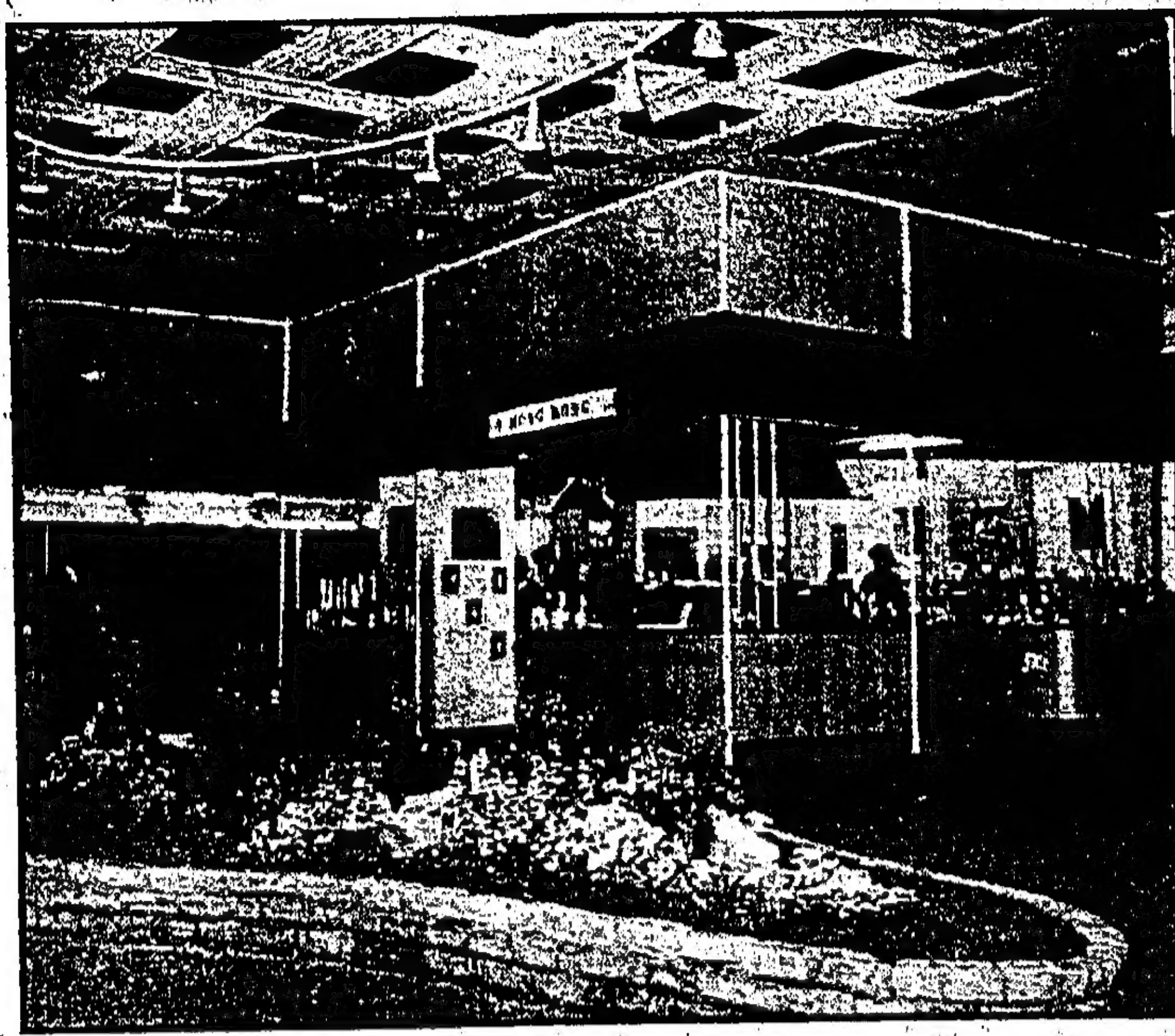
"Is he a drinker?" the magistrate asked.

"No, sir. He very rarely has a drink at all."

The magistrate asked George what he had to say. He hung his head. "I'm sorry for letting my employer down," he said. George was fined a total of £20, and given seven weeks in which to find the money.

He went away, and his employer followed close on his heels, and as they left the courtroom, put a consoling hand to George's shoulder. And in that gesture of faith, and affection was contained a happy ending to the story, just as if it had all been set down in a book.

Hongkong's Attractive BIF Stand



Here is a general view of the attractive Hongkong stand at the British Industries Fair, Olympia, London, to which hundreds of visitors have been flocking daily since the Fair opened last Monday week. The stand is the largest in the "Commonwealth Court".

Has Taken
1,500 Photos
On World Tour

Collecting material for a book which he hopes to write on his return, Mr. Arthur Sherin, an eight-month tour of the world with his wife, is now in Hongkong.

While his wife keeps the diary of their daily movements, Mr. Sherin is taking photographs of the way of living in each country.

He has already taken 1,500 pictures. Asked what he was doing about Hongkong, he said "Hongkong is just pouring rain. I am afraid that we have no hope of taking any here."

Mr. Sherin has just retired from the newspaper business in which he worked for 38 years. He started one third of the pictorial printing presses in the States, and owned his own business for 15 years.

He has also written for the papers although his side is really that of the press, and he specialises in colour printing. The reason for Mr. Sherin's trip? "Well I couldn't sit twiddling my thumbs after all my former activity, so as my wife and I both write, we decided to club together and write a book. We also hope to give some lectures on our return."

Mr. Sherin and his wife have travelled altogether 4,800 miles by car over Africa during this trip. They have also been to India, Thailand, Ceylon and many other places.

Ferry Sinks:
600 Aboard

Tokyo, May 11. A Japanese ferry boat with more than 600 people aboard sank after a collision early this morning, reports reaching here stated.

The ferry was plying between Shikoku Island and Honshu when the accident occurred.

The ferry, the 1,480-ton Shium Maru, collided with the 1,210-ton freighter Itaka Maru about two and a half miles off the coast in a dense fog.

Rescue ships are rushing to the scene.

First reports stated that there were 350 school-children aboard the ferry—France-Press.

Final Test Today

Las Vegas, May 10.

The 24th and final atomic shot of the Atomic Energy Commission's tests was scheduled for tomorrow at 5:05 a.m. EDT (12:05 GMT) after a morning weather evaluation today.

Another evaluation was planned for tonight—United Press.

Absentee Sailor
Imprisoned For
8 Offences

Alfred James Griffiths, 20, an absentee from HMS Cockade was sentenced to 15 months by Mr. T. Creedon at Kowloon this morning when he pleaded guilty to seven charges of larceny and possession of a forged passport.

A representative from the Royal Navy informed the Court that Griffiths had joined the Navy in 1950. He had a good record for the first three years and his subsequent conduct had been fair.

Det. Sub. Insp. J.M. Currie stated that on May 3, a Gunner Hopkins left his camera in his room at the YMCA, Salisbury Road, and on returning found both his camera and defendant who was his roommate missing. He reported this to the Police.

In April a similar theft at the YMCA was reported, a Mr. Eric Alan losing his camera.

STOLEN PASSPORT

The defendant was seen at the YMCA on May 9 and arrested. He claimed to be a Canadian citizen, and produced a Canadian passport in the name of Roy Farrell with his own photograph attached. Enquiries revealed that he was an absentee from HMS Cockade on which he served as cook.

TOASTMASTERS
CLUB

The following officers bearers of the Hongkong Toastmasters Club were elected at the first held at the American Club—President, Mr. A. V. Alvarez; Vice President (Administrative), Dr. S. G. Davis; Vice President (Educational), Mr. Duncan Dang; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur Gomes; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Indra Vaswani; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mr. Dik van Brummelen.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I hope the boss notices how conscientious I am! This is the second night this week I've stayed late correcting my typing errors!"

Marine Surveyor
Cross-Examined In
Damages Claim

At the hearing of the claim for damages brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. against Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants, before Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning, Captain James Wood, marine surveyor, stated under cross-examination that he agreed that an unmanned drifting lighter belonging to the defendant Company was a very obvious danger to two of plaintiffs' lighters moored alongside Kowloon Wharf No. 3 South.

Capt. Wood was called as an expert witness by Plaintiffs and had completed his evidence-in-chief yesterday. He was giving evidence in connection with incidents arising during a typhoon in Hongkong on September 2, 1953.

Mr. J. P. Hewitt, Senior Surveyor of Ships, Marine Department, is sitting with Mr. Justice Gregg as Assessor.

Plaintiffs, represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada QC, and Mr. T. A. Shurlock, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadson, of Messrs. Deacons, are claiming damages totalling \$70,533.15 from Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants, of 34-37 Connaught Road Central, arising from the sinking of four of their lighters and damage to three others during the typhoon in the Colony on the early morning of September 2, 1953. Plaintiffs alleged negligence on the part of Defendants.

Wang Kee and Co., are represented by Mr. John McNeill, QC, Mr. Leslie Wright and Mr. Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan, of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

In their claim, Plaintiffs alleged that by the negligence of Defendants, their servants and agents, lighters belonging to Defendants were adrift and bore down and collided with Plaintiffs' lighters, sinking four and damaging three.

Before cross-examination of Capt. Wood, Deputy Manager of the Wharf Company, was recalled to the witness box to answer some questions raised by the Defence. He said the s.s. Nellie, lying at Wharf No. 3 North, drew a mean depth of 27 feet 11½ inches. He could not say how much cargo had been removed from the ship when she ceased working on the night of September 1. Her total cargo consisted of 350 tons. There was cargo waiting to be reloaded on board the ship after the cargo for Hongkong had been off-loaded.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Capt. J. Wood, marine surveyor and partner in Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, was then cross-examined.

Mr. McNeill: You were asked what you had to say about the maction of Mr. Moodie when Karley (one of defendant Company's lighters) was wandering about. Your reply, as I understood you, was that you were not prepared to disagree with Mr. Moodie in not taking any action in moving lighters 82 and 41 of Mr. Moodie's experience anything he did or did not do would meet with your approval?

Witness: Not at all. Your view was based definitely upon the facts presented by my learned friend in his questions?

—Yes. Mr. McNeill told witness that the evidence adduced was that in the southeast corner of the mv Citos bay there were four lighters belonging to plaintiffs moored. Their beam was approximately 20 feet each, making a total space of 80 occupied by them. The bay was 300 feet wide. Mr. R. J. Taylor, Assistant Wharf Superintendent of plaintiff Company, had stated that a little before 5:30 a.m. on September 2 he saw the Karley drifting towards the Praya. He also stated he saw four China Provident lighters at anchor in the neighbourhood of plaintiffs' four lighters.

Counsel asked witness if he had seen the China Provident lighters. Witness agreed he had, and that their beam was also approximately 20 feet each.

A DANGER

Mr. McNeill: Mr. Taylor says that he regarded this movement of Karley as a very definite danger to 41 and 82, so much so that he rang up the Marine Police. He wanted something done. He said he felt he could not take the responsibility of moving these two lighters up. I think you must agree, Capt. Wood, that in these circumstances and in the weather prevailing Karley was a very obvious danger to 41 and 82.

Witness: I agree it was a danger.

Citing from plaintiffs' preliminary act, Mr. McNeill told witness it was therein stated that Karley was originally moored alongside Citos and was later seen drifting unattended and bearing down upon 82 and 41 from a southeasterly direction and about 15 feet distance from them. He asked witness whether this did not constitute an obvious danger to anyone who saw this. Witness agreed.

Mr. McNeill: The collision between Karley and 82 and 41 occurred shortly after 7 a.m. according to the preliminary act. Mr. Moodie said he thought it was between 7 and 7:30 a.m. Taking the time that she presented an obvious danger to these lighters and the time of the alleged collision, more than an hour and a half elapsed. Mr. Moodie came on the scene shortly after 8 a.m. after Mr. Taylor had telephoned him. In your opinion as an expert of these matters, do you not think it was the duty of Mr. Taylor to inform Mr. Moodie of his view that the situation was dangerous?

Witness: I do.

The hearing is proceeding.



Look What Happened!

You may think that the recent rain-making experiments on the Peak have little connection with music. You may be right, but look what we are going to have at the Empire Theatre from Friday night onwards for a week or two.... a show called Dancing Waters in which 4,000 jets of water play up and down and all around to a musical accompaniment.

The equipment from which this unusual entertainment emanates takes up a great deal of the stage and set somewhere in front is the man who 'plays' this improbable thing. The jets of water are illuminated in all sorts of colours and can be made to keep time with any dance step.

The water used is repeatedly circulated through a tank and the same 2,000 gallons keeps on going up and coming down. This is certainly a new thing to Hongkong and although no water will ever look so attractive as that which has fallen, without musical accompaniment, from the skies during the past three days for one intending taking a look at what sounds to me like jake-box with taps on.

In case you are not the type to care for such entertainment it should be told that there is more to the show than "Dancing Waters". There is something for the pop fans in the shapely person of Mauri Lynn, who has appeared in many films, most recently "Kismet" and "Candy". This lovely lady has a trio of top musicians with her and jazz men will recognise the drummer with the show, Danny Barcelona, as being one of the best yet. Rounding out the bill will be Wanda Sams and the "Cover Girls" and the MC is Joaquin Garay, another American top line entertainer.

The Blues Are Too Blue

A lot of fuss has been generated in the States recently over the supposed obscenity of some of the Rhythm and Blues records being broadcast.

Dis-jockeys in Chicago received a flood of letters, mostly from teen-agers, protesting about the programming of dirty records and in various other parts of America there has been a getting together of broadcast and the forming of record review committees in an attempt to stop such material being broadcast.

It appears that the main complaints are directed against the "R. & B." type of records and Hongkong "pop" fans may be surprised to learn that there are about twice as many records released each week in the States as are put out in the shops here. So many of them never sell outside a certain part of America, let alone come to Hongkong, and apparently it is from these types of discs that much of the objectionable material comes.

It is good to know that in Hongkong we have on such trouble and although some of the lyrics we do hear are undoubtedly rather dirty they are at least clean in a clean way.

Where They Are

XAVIER CUGAT recently played in Chicago with the lady who was described as "the boss", ABBE LANE. Miss Lane is getting better and better and according to one hard boiled critic "is the logical successor to Rita Hayworth. He doesn't say in what she should succeed, Miss Hayworth and I'm not so sure that he has said a nice thing!!"

DANNY KAYE recently had a lot of record company big shots after him. His contract with Decca was due to expire, and RCA, Capitol and Columbia were reported to be interested. Who wouldn't be!

SAMMY KAYE has recorded the "Melody of Love" tune and that makes a total of 10 versions on record in America only.

The Face Behind The Voice

The lad with the freckled face and the voice you either like a lot or can't stand at all, Stuart, when he was seven, accompanied his father, playing father. First, Stuart was as a guest on Frank Sinatra's radio programme. Has made films, appeared on TV and, of course, got into the hit-

parade with "Tell Me a Story" and "Dennis the Menace", with Frankie Laine and Rosemary Clooney respectively. Now about fifteen and already



JIMMY BOYD

secured his future even though his voice is due to break. Latest release available "Ma, I Miss Your Apple Pie."

Record Review

Jerry Murad's Harmonica A new Mercury 78 rpm disc offers the Harmonica playing two old favourites, "Dancing Queen" and "The Moonlight". The second one is by far the best to listen to and its crisp tango beat should please the dancers. Ralph Muller's orchestra backs up on both sides. MERCURY HK 350.

GEORGIA GIBBS

The joyous Miss Gibbs does another excellent piece of work with "The Wallflower" and "Ballin' the Jack". The first tune, which will be better known as "Dance with Me, Henry", is in the American hit-parade and will please all who like Miss Gibbs. The dancers will only like it if they know how to "Rock 'n' Roll", which I'm told is the latest dance in America. There's a deep, brown baritone on this disc as on so many recent hits but this one is not so good, or so deep, as others heard. MERCURY HK 357.

Persistence
Rewarded

A Police Constable who "followed his nose" was rewarded at Central this morning when his evidence resulted in the conviction of a heroin-smoker.

He told Mr. Poon Yan-hoi that he was patrolling a hillside in Chai Wan Village, Shauiwan, on April 11 with a Corporal when an odour of "burning biscuits" assailed his nostrils. He tracked down its source to a cave where he saw two men lying on the ground. One of them, defendant, was smoking a bamboo heroin pipe.

On seeing the Police both men ran away but defendant was arrested when he came back a little later to retrieve his pipe.

Ho Kim, of 145 Chai Wan Village, was sentenced to a fine of \$100 for possession of a pipe and \$500 for two months and a month in addition for possession of heroin.

Fined \$25
For Contempt

"Arrest that man and have him charged," shouted Mr. Poon Yan-hoi to the Constable on duty at Central this morning.

Seated at the back of the Court was a man with a dilapidated felt hat. Sensing that Police attention was directed at him he scrambled for the door but was collared and taken to Central Charge Room.

Half an hour later Chan Yuen-lap, 36, was fined \$25 by Mr. Poon for contempt of court.

During the morning the Magistrate warned spectators to remain in Court while a case was in session. He said that he had noticed some spectators were in the habit of leaving at short intervals, and talking to people outside who might be witnesses.